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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hasegawa, et Al.

Serial No.: 10/607,238

Filing Date: June 25, 2003

For: GMR Magnetic Detecting Element Comprising
Current Limiting Layer Provided in Free Magnetic
Layer and Method of Manufacturing the Detecting
Element

Examiner: Kevin M. Bernatz

Group Art Unit No.: 1773

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 22313 -1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2004, Applicants elect
Invention I, and Claims 1 – 30, 34, 35 and 39 - 41 for the present application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.